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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MORG, DR

SUBJECT: PROPOSED CARIBBEAN AREA COASTAL SURVEILLANCE EXERCISE

1. CHMAAG HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING USCINCSO MESSAGE (P 272017Z APR 77) ADDRESSED TO CHIEFS MIL GROUPS CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES REQUESTING THEY DETERMINE HOST COUNTRY'S INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN CARIBBEAN AREA COASTAL SURVEILLANCE EXERCISE:
QUOTE 1. (C) SEVERAL LATIN AMERICAN MILITARY LEADERS HAVE RECENTLY EXPRESSED TO CINCSO INCREASED CONCERN OVER CUBA'S DEMONSTRATED CAPABILITY TO DEPLOY CONSIDERABLE FORCES OVERSEAS.

"2. (U) AN INCREASED US NAVAL PRESENCE IN THE CARIBBEAN WOULD PRESUMABLY ALLEVIATE THIS CONCERN TO SOME EXTENT, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME, REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT REGARDING THE REGIONAL SECURITY OF OUR WESTERN HEMISPHERE NEIGHBORS.

"3. (U) ONE INITIATIVE THAT MERITS CONSIDERATION WOULD BE TO CONDUCT A COMBINED COASTAL SURVEILLANCE/INTERCEPT EXERCISE SIMILAR TO THE HALCON VISTA SERIES BUT CONDUCTED ON A ROUND-ROBIN BASIS IN THE MANNER THAT UNITAS IS CONDUCTED FOR THE LARGER MARITIME NATIONS OF SOUTH AMERICA. THIS 'MINI-UNITAS' WOULD BE TAILORED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE SMALLER LESS SOPHISTICATED NAVAL FORCES OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN NATIONS. IT COULD INCLUDE BOTH BILATERAL AND MULTI-LATERAL OPERATIONS AS APPROPRIATE.

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"4. (U) REQUEST YOU DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF YOUR HOST COUNTRY'S INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN SUCH A COMBINED EXERCISE AND FORWARD TO THIS HEADQUARTERS BY 31 MAY 1977 YOUR ASSESSMENT AND ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS, AS WELL AS ANY SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL CONSTRAINTS TO PARTICIPATION. UNQUOTE

2. AMBASSADOR HAS DIRECTED CHMAAG NOT TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS
PENDING GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT.
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